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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT

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1. MY USAID DIRECTOR HAS RECEIVED A VOLUMINOUS INSTRUCTION, CONTAINED IN REFERENCE AIRGRAM, TO DEVISE POLITICAL ACTION PROGRAMS DIRECTED TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF FILIPINOS. THIS INSTRUCTION, WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO ABOUT 60 POSTS, IS CAPTIONED AS "JOINT STATE-AID MESSAGE," BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CLEARED AT SENIOR POLICY LEVELS IN DEPARTMENT.

2. I HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF INTRODUCING USAID INTO SUCH DIRECT AND CONTENTIOUS PROGRAMS AS PROPOSED IN THIS INSTRUCTION: E.G. "COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS" WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO ENGAGE IN THIS FIELD OF ACTIVITY AT ALL, IT SHOULD BE DONE IN SOME MANNER WHICH IS CONTROLLED DIRECTLY BY THE SECRETARY THROUGH THE AMBASSADORS, RATHER THAN BY THE AID ADMINISTRATOR THROUGH THE USAID DIRECTORS.

3. THERE MAY BE CONGRESSIONAL ANGLES TO THIS WHOLE EXERCISE WHICH ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY APPARENT TO ME. IF SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW YOU WANT THIS MATTER HANDLED. IF NOT, MY INSTINCT IS TO ADVISE MY USAID
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DIRECTOR NOT RPT NOT TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTION HE HAS

RECEIVED. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, I WOULD PREFER THAT THE
INSTRUCTION BE WITHDRAWN FOR FURTHER STUDY.

4. SINCE USAID DIRECTORS ARE INSTRUCTED TO REPLY TO
WASHINGTON NO LATER THAN JANUARY 6, GUIDANCE REQUESTED
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